

Governor Andrew Cuomo's

Downtown Revitalization Initiative

Public Meeting #3



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DRI Boundary – Stockade Business District Area





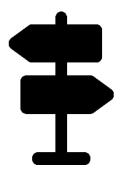


Uptown Stockade Transportation Plan

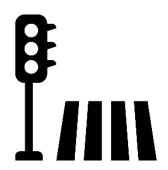
We Asked...

What would be the most impactful change to the transportation plan?

You Said...



Reverse street directions to improve safety and provide direct access to the Kingston Plaza from Wall Street



A coordinated traffic signal system with pedestrian push buttons



A comprehensive parking strategy for the area





Frog Alley Historic Preservation and Park Project

We Asked...

What improvements are needed to draw people into this park?

- Safe open space, remove fencing
- Study, connect the site to Native Americans, slavery, and immigration
- Better signage
- Not a priority
- Preservation of the building

- Sitting benches, interpretative signage, lighting, kiosks, tours
- Be able to enter the building and walk around
- Create events



Connection of Kingston Greenline

Specific amenities you want to see:







Academy Green Park

We Asked...

How would you describe the type of park that Academy Green Park represents to your community/Uptown Kingston?

- Enforcement of litter and no smoking laws and reinforce police on-foot presence
 - Redesign the park to become a more frequently used event and gathering space

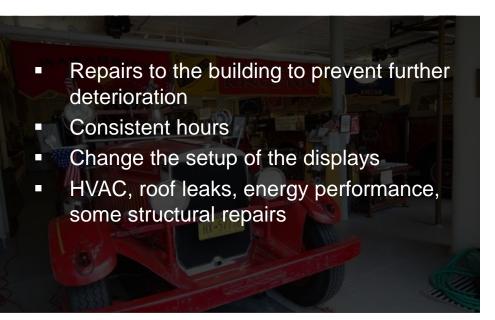
- Urban design improvements at the I-587 intersection with the park
- Program for vegetation management/replacement and protocols for the sustained management of monuments

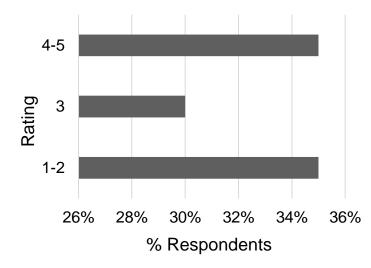


Volunteer Fireman's Hall and Museum

We Asked...

What improvements to the building do you think are most necessary?





From 1–5, with 5 being the most valuable and 1 being the least, how valuable is the Fireman's Hall and Museum to the City?





Kingstonian Mixed-Use Commercial and Residential with Parking Structure Development

We Asked...

What do you think about the Kingstonian mixed-use commercial and residential with parking structure development?

- We don't need more parking
- I like the design features
- Needs a committee that is diverse that decides what goes there
- Should provide affordable housing
- Sounds like a great opportunity
- We need more parking for businesses, tenants, and residents

- Concern about gentrification and rising cost of living as a result of the project
 - Developer should be encouraged to engage with the community to ensure symbiosis with the existing ecosystem
- Public parking a priority
 - Fantastic
 - Do something that architecturally reflects that area



The Kingston Uptown Levee

We Asked...

Do you have any comments on this project that you would like to share with the City?

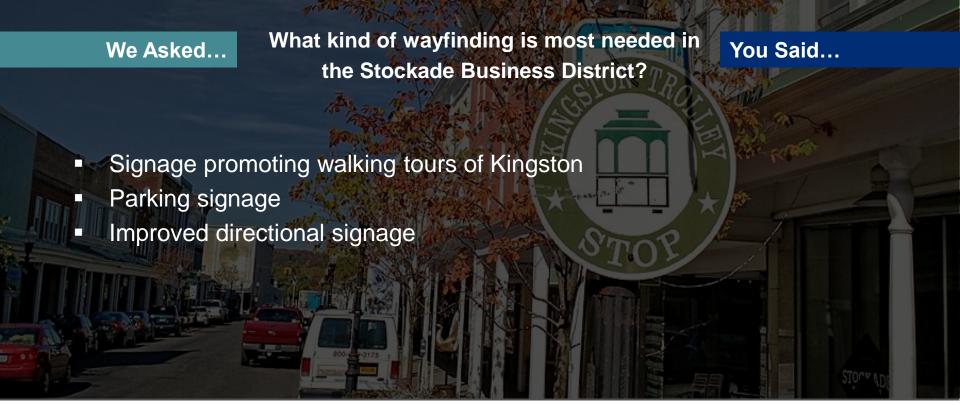
- Make sure the levee will meet the needs of the properties
- Should be a project for later after other critical issues are addressed
- Great idea but not a priority
- No more buildings, make it a park
- Construction in flood prone areas should be discouraged
- They are vital to the city's future







Implementation of the Wayfinding Plan in the Stockade







Grants and Revolving Loan Fund

We Asked...

How would you like to see funds be used in the Stockade Business District?

- Housing for seniors
- Help for small businesses
- Affordable housing clusters for underserved populations
- Should support low-income, minority communities in Kingston
- Help current owners with their taxes so they can remain in the city

- Affordable housing for families
- Groups are working hard to shield the city from gentrification and a real estate bubble, should have more training programs for entrepreneurs
 - Fully develop and connect Schwenk
 Drive with urban edge multi-story mixed
 use buildings



Tourism Promotion and Marketing Program

We Asked...

Where do you think additional marketing and promotion is most needed?



Dietz Stadium Facility Improvements

We Asked...

Which facilities at Dietz Stadium are most in need of updating/repair?

- Snack bar and entrance booth
- Bathrooms, seating
- Seating, field lighting, press box expanded and modernized, goal posts and turf replaced, locker rooms and bathrooms renovated
- Ventilation in locker rooms

- Strength/conditioning facility
- Better food service
- Expand seating to both sides of the field
- Turning basketball courts into an event area
- Parking lot upgrade



Additional Ideas

Building affordable housing defined by lowest income

More projects and signs about Native Americans

Wayfinding that honors indigenous people

Skateboard Park Microlending and incubator for small businesses

Bike trails and bike track in or around Dietz Stadium

Indoor soccer field

Public water fountains



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